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NEXT SHRINE LUNCHEON

THE next regular monthly luncheon of Aleppo Temple will be held at the Boston City Club, Tuesday, April 26, 1938, at 12:30 P.M.

Noble Lionel G. H. Palmer, chairman of the luncheon committee, advises that at this writing he is not able to give the name of the guest speaker due to the fact that he is traveling and has not definitely agreed to appear. However, he assures us that he will have as guest speaker, a man who is well known to the people of this State in political circles, and will give one of the most stirring addresses yet delivered before the members of Aleppo.

Remember the date and plan to come and dine with the Nobility on the above date. You will be well paid for the short time spent away from business. The regular list of door prizes donated by members will be awarded.

THE MARCH LUNCHEON

OVER two hundred Nobles turned out on Tuesday, March 22, to hear Honorable Horace T. Cahill, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, give a most interesting and informative address on the making of laws for the Commonwealth.

In the absence of the Illustrious Potentate Charles T. Cahill and Chief Rabban James J. Curry, the luncheon was conducted by Assistant Rabban Robert G. Wilson, Jr., who in his usual eloquent manner introduced the speaker of the day.

One of the interesting features of this luncheon was the awarding of a most un-

usual list of door prizes by High Priest and Prophet Willard P. Lombard and Treasurer Frank W. Morrill. The outstanding prize of the day was an autographed copy of the Log of the Mayflower and Bradford Manuscript. This prize was donated for the luncheon by Honorable Noble Frederick W. Cook, Secretary of the State, who was present at the head table and personally autographed and presented the prize to the winner, Noble George H. Wood of Brighton.

Scores of other prizes donated by members and friends were presented to lucky Nobles, who could be seen leaving the luncheon with a box of cigars, a can of automobile oil, a pound of frankfurters or some other useful and valuable article tucked under their arm.

The Nobles who missed this luncheon surely missed one of the outstanding events of the year but are to be given a chance to make it up by attending the April luncheon which bids fair to equal the March luncheon in interest and good-fellowship. So Noble, mark down the time and place on your calendar now, and plan to be with us on Tuesday, April 26, to see what Chairman Lionel Palmer and his Luncheon committee have arranged for your enjoyment.



NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB TO ENTERTAIN POTENTATE CAHILL

POTENTATE Charles T. Cahill will be the guest of the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts on Wednesday evening, May 4, 1938. The reception

and dinner in honor of Aleppo's leader will be held in the new ballroom of the New Bedford Hotel and a fine program is being prepared to make the night exceptionally pleasant for all who attend.

With Potentate Cahill will be the members of Aleppo's Divan and many of the former Potentates of Aleppo as well as prominent members of Palestine Temple.

An informal reception will be held at six o'clock and dinner will be served an hour later. All guests will be introduced to the gathering by President Dr. Frank Birtwistle who will act as master of ceremonies during the party. Other than the message of Potentate Cahill, speeches will not be in order.

An excellent variety show will be presented which will complete the evening in perfect fashion. With plenty of music and many novelty features the entire program should not only be memorable for the Potentate but to all who are present to greet him.

Acting with President Birtwistle in arranging for the Club's Annual Potentate's Night are Nobles William Stitt, Arthur L. Marcoux, Joseph G. Dean, Albert B. Cook, William Beserosky, John Catterall, Norman Renne, Daniel W. Hinkley, James Lees, John T. Kirk, Frederick Roberts, and William Kenworthy.

The Shrine Club extends a cordial invitation to all Nobles to enjoy this occasion. Reservations should be made promptly and Shriners wishing to attend should contact the members of the Committee.

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NEXT CEREMONIAL

The next ceremonial of Aleppo Temple will be held in Mechanics Building, Friday, May 13, 1938.

This ceremonial will be the traditional Spring Strawberry Festival Ceremonial at which time the Stewards will try to outdo themselves and go ahead of their previous records by giving the Nobles a strawberry feast they will remember for a long time.

A new ceremonial program is being planned by the Potentate and his corps of assistants who make up the working crew of a well balanced organization. A huge vaudeville show has been planned which will follow the ceremonial program. We had many complimentary remarks from the Nobles in regard to the show put on at the Annual meeting. But if they thought that was a hit, they certainly should not miss what is in store for them on May 13. Those Nobles who were unfortunate enough to be among the missing at the Annual should make every effort to take in the big strawberry festival, ceremonial and vaudeville show next month.

A complete program will be printed in the May issue of the ALEPPO NEWS. However, we are giving you this advance notice so you may save the date.



ANNUAL SHRINE DAY AT SUFFOLK DOWNS

MEMBERS of Aleppo Temple and their families are again this year invited to be the guests of the owners of Suffolk Downs Race Track in East Boston. Noble V. C. Bruce Wetmore, treasurer of the Eastern Racing Association and Noble Willard H. Stevens, assistant treasurer, have been making plans with a committee representing Aleppo, for a record-breaking day on Tuesday, June 21, 1938, which is the date finally agreed upon for "Shrine Day at the Races."

Coming as it does at the very height of the racing season, it is expected that all previous records will be broken. Last year 8,000 Shrinists and their families witnessed some of the most thrilling races ever seen at East Boston.

The Shrine Band and the Arab Patrol will participate in the events of the day. The Patrol will give an exhibition drill in front of the grandstand and the Band will furnish music between races while the fans are scanning their programs in an effort to pick the winner.

The officers of Aleppo Temple and many other Fraternal leaders will be the guests of the Eastern Racing Association for the day.

A full page announcement of the event giving the details of the program now being arranged will appear in the June issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS. We are giving you the date far enough in advance so you will mark it down on your calendar and keep the date open.



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR TWO DOLLARS

"IF I had a million dollars I would give it all to you, Doctor," said one little boy at the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, as he looked at his straightened legs after the plaster casts had been removed.

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If you are in possession of your 1938 Shrine card, you have contributed to this worthy cause. If not, you should attempt to procure it at once and assist in making some unfortunate children happy for life.

THE BIG APPLE IN SCOTLAND

IN connection with the dance known as "The Big Apple," one of the features of the Potentate's Ball and Ladies' Night, we received a newspaper clipping from Past Potentate Clarence McKenzie, who has evidently been reading the Scotch paper, *The Football Times*, published in Inverness, Scotland.

It seems that this new dance rage is going places. Having been originated in Columbia, S. C., it is now being demonstrated in a ballroom in Inverness, Scotland. The story from the Inverness paper follows:

"THE BIG APPLE"

"On Friday, 25th February, in the Northern Meeting Ballroom, Inverness, the well-known Scottish ballroom stars, Eric Stewart, B. A. T. D., T. A. F. D., and Ruth Kellock, R. A. D., I. S. T. D., of Edinburgh, will demonstrate for the first time in the North, America's latest and greatest dance craze, 'The Big Apple,' which has been written about so much in the national press.

"This dance originated in a little abandoned church in Columbia, South Carolina, U. S. A., which had been converted into a negro night club and called the 'Big Apple.' From there the dance spread to Harlem, the notorious negro quarter of New York and there into every ballroom in America.

"The 'Big Apple' is often spoken of as a 'square round dance' as it can be danced by any number of couples from one couple upwards. It is a typical swing dance, but is a change from the usual run of ballroom dances."

Our Potentate, not to be outdone, has arranged for a similar demonstration of this popular dance at the Potentate's Ball, a notice of which will be found on page three of this issue of the NEWS.

The Big Apple may keep the Doctor away, but it should not keep you away from Mechanics Building, April 27. Plan now to be present at the Potentate's Ball with your family on that night.

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ALEPPO BOWLING

By VAIL K. HAAK
Associate Editor

I SHOULD like to first apologize for being so previous in the last edition. I wrote that we had only two more weeks of bowling when really there were seven more weeks. At this writing it is safe to say that the Shrine Bowling League winds up their schedule in two weeks. Next month we shall print the final individual averages, final standing and the prize winners.

Since my predictions in the last issue there have been a few upheavals. John Eaton's No. 2 team has grabbed the lead and John Juthe's No. 3 team has gone into second place. Grutchfield's No. 1 team that has led most of the season has dropped into third place. The race is far from over because these three teams are all bunched within three points of each other, and with two matches to go anything can happen.

Would like to pass out a few orchids for attendance this year. Rogers, Simon-ton, Grutchfield, Greig, Almon Parker and Snook have gone through the season without missing a match. Incidentally, in looking over the averages I see that Jim Greig has not been under 300 any night. Brown, Haak, Whitley, Bearse, Eaton, Jones, K. A. Juthe, Dexter and Baker have only missed one night and Pettit, Howland, J. C. Juthe have missed only two. Next year I hope this attendance roll includes every last member in the league.

Harry Gordon explained his absence from matches lately. I quote: "conserving my energy for Monday night bowling." If that is his psychology, what is Whitworth's and Hansis'?

We still want new members for next year. Join up early. The more the merrier.



ALEPPO GUN CLUB SPONSORS GOVERNMENT SHOOT

THE first scheduled shoot of the Aleppo Gun Club since its organization was held on the skeet fields of the Minute Man Sportsman's Club, Lexington, Sunday, March 27, 1938.

The shoot which was run in conjunction with the National Wildlife Restoration program sponsored by the Federal Government was a fifty-bird shoot, and was won by Noble William P. Ragsdale with a score of forty-eight out of fifty. Ragsdale's score was two above his nearest opponent and was an exceptional one in view of the fact that an eighty-mile-an-hour gale was sweeping across the field all afternoon and took many birds almost out of gunshot.

Other prize winners were Nobles William L. "Roy" Jackson, George E. Smith, Thomas W. Wyman and Frederick W. Binns. The above winners will receive chevrons from the U. S. Government, who has sponsored shoots at skeet clubs in all parts of the country the past week, in connection with its program for the restoration of wildlife.

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Gun Club, held in the Lexington Club-house before the feature event, Illustrious Potentate Charles T. Cahill and Junior Past Potentate Harry G. Pollard, under whose sponsorship the club was formed last year, were elected to Honorary Membership.

Plans were made for a monthly shoot through the Summer months and any interested Noble wishing to enjoy the sport with a group of good sports are invited to sign up. Drop a line to the Club Secretary, c/o Aleppo Temple, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston.



MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

N OBLE Sam Vannah of Winchester writes us from Pinehurst, North Carolina, to say that he is stopping at that popular winter resort and played in the North and South open golf tournament. He didn't say how he made out, but did say that he was improving his game and all of his golfing friends around these parts are in for a good beating this summer.

Perhaps Sam is right but Noble Al Yarlott, our genial Assistant Steward, tells us that Sam is very apt to overtrain and he thinks that a surprise is coming to the gent from Winchester.

Noble Harry L. Porter, who has been spending the winter at St. Petersburg, writes to inform us that he is on his way back home in North Easton after a very pleasant stay in the Sunshine City.

Noble Eugene A. Tufts of Marblehead asks to have his 1938 Shrine card sent to him at 427 Independence Road, West Palm Beach. Looks like Noble Tufts intends to take a look at the boys at Mahi Temple in Miami.

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Former World's Heavyweight Champion, Jack Dempsey, visiting at Shrine Hospital. Left to Right: Noble Wilfred H. Dresser, Sphinx Temple; Dr. Laurence Bulfinch, Bektash Temple; Miss Margaret W. Watson, Superintendent; Jack Dempsey; Noble Charles A. Frazer, Melha Temple, and Noble Frank W. Morrill, Aleppo Temple.

JACK DEMPSEY VISITS SHRINE HOSPITAL

THE children at the Shrine Hospital in Springfield have had many notable visitors including Governors and Mayors, not to forget the Prince of them all, our own Dr. Hatt who attends them, but the thrill of their young lives came on Thursday, March 3, when a big car rolled up to the front door and out stepped the "Champion" himself, Jack Dempsey.

Jack was going through Springfield on a hurried business trip around New England but business was soon set aside when he found the smiling faces of the children in the Hospital. He has two youngsters of his own and he is very proud of them. So he was mightily interested in the work being done at Springfield and was pleasantly surprised to enter a Hospital where smiles prevailed and everyone seemed to be happy.

What was supposed to be a short visit for the hero of ring history was turned into an afternoon visit that will remain in his mind as long as he lives. He was cheered again and again as he was escorted through the building by the Board of Governors who adjourned their quarterly board meeting to act as host to their notable guest.



ALEPPO DIRECTOR ATTENDS CONVENTION

PAST Potentate Roy A. Faye, director of the Aleppo Temple Degree Staff, has returned from the National Shrine Directors Association meeting, held at Charlotte, North Carolina, with a wealth of new ideas for his wrecking crew to try out on the candidates at our coming ceremonials.

At the three-day session held March 23, 24 and 25, Noble Faye witnessed 104 stunts put on by degree staff workers of scores of Temples from all parts of North America.

This convention, which is held annually in some key city, is for the purpose of

getting the Shrine Directors of Temples together to exchange ideas and thereby make the ceremonials more interesting for the nobility.

On the second day of the session, a gigantic parade was staged consisting of 3,000 visiting Directors and Nobles attending the convention. The *Charlotte Observer* said that 60,000 people witnessed the greatest Shrine parade ever held in the South. Prominent among those in line was Governor James H. Price of Virginia, who is Imperial Recorder of the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America.



HENRY B. PERKINS CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

THE tenth annual meeting of the "Henry B. Perkins Club," was held at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Thursday,

March 3 with Noble William Spottiswoode, President presiding. The membership of this organization which was formed prior to the death of Noble Perkins, consists of Nobles who served as assistant stewards while he held the office of Chief Steward for many years under Potentate Walter W. Morrison.

An innovation of the club, which meets yearly on the anniversary of Noble Perkins birth, is a bottle of wine preserved for the purpose of participating in a libation in memory of the departed members, which now numbers five. The tradition is to carry on to the last member.

Those attending were Nobles G. Harry Adalian, Edward H. Bond, Frank P. Cook, John C. Graham, Wilbert D. Jones, William O. Morin, Theodore O. Nicholson, Edward E. Reynolds, Charles H. Sargent, George A. Shackford, George W. Thornburg, Samuel A. Vanner and George H. Wood.

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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"TRUMPETER WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING NOW?"

THIS quotation from a famous song came to mind at a recent band rehearsal when Noble Joe Affanatto, one of the trumpet players, took us to task because the cornet section was never mentioned in this column. We patiently explained to him that the members of that section never did anything, except of course "blow their own horns"; but if one of 'em would go out and bite a dog why that would be news. Not that we advised taking any such drastic step because the dog might retaliate. Perhaps some night one of those guys will blow out a valve or somp'n, then we will publish all the harrowing details.

Now for instance take Noble Paul Welsch, one of the "slip-horn" players. He did not "bite a dog" but he did some ground and lofty tumbling off a horse. Paul is Colonel of the National Lancers, that intrepid body of red coated horse wranglers, and these doughty warriors under his command acted as escort to Governor Hurley in the big parade in South Boston on the 17th of March. After the parade they were returning to headquarters and turned down a side street where the asphalt paving was soft. Suddenly all four feet of Paul's horse went out from under him and both horse and rider crashed to earth with Paul underneath. This was certainly "a horse on Paul." It was a peculiar accident, but knowing the warm hospitality of the good citizens of South Boston to the stranger within their gates, we wondered if the horse had been indulging in some of their potent "bran mash" that caused it to lose its footing. The horse, however, refuses to be quoted in the matter.

Paul came through the accident with only a smashed foot which laid him up for awhile. He says he can still enjoy a drink of good liquor so is evidently improving, and there is hope for him.

The Chief forwarded us a letter from our old friend Noble Tony Di Lascia, who has been in Italy for some time. He states that his health is much improved but he is homesick for the good old U. S. A., and hopes to be back with the band again some day. He sends kind regards and best wishes to all his old friends in the band.

On March 21 our Leader, Noble "Wallie" Smith, was unable to be present at the rehearsal so that the new Assistant, Noble Frank Warren, took charge. Frank resurrected some of the old favorites, like "The Poet and Peasant" overture, etc. We admit that we missed a note here and there—sometimes here and

sometimes there—but we managed to finish with the rest.

We are sorry to report the death of one of our old members, Noble Harry Marchant, who passed to the Celestial Temple on February 9, after a long illness. Noble Marchant played the sarusaphone, and was also an accomplished organist, and at a concert in the Lowell auditorium some years ago, played the organ with the band in a rendition of "The Lost Chord." Noble Marchant had not been able to take an active part in the band functions for about two years owing to ill health, but prior to that time was a constant attendant. To his bereaved family we extend our sympathy.

C. C. F.



WHY TEACHERS GROW OLD YOUNG

FROM an anonymous source comes the following definitions for study in the kindergartens of 1938:

GLACIERS are guys that fix windows when they are broken.

COBBLE STONES are a pavement that the people would rather are asphalt than.

SUMMER is a season that in winter you wish you could keep your house as warm as.

STEEL WOOL is the fleece of a hydraulic ram.

CREAM is something that dry cereal doesn't taste as good without it, unless you use milk, but haven't any.

A VOLCANO is a mountain with a

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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY,
Associate Editor

THERE has never been a time when the members of the Patrol showed more interest in the drills. The attendance is gratifying and the work is of a high order. A good exhibition may be expected on the occasion of the Potentate's Ball, April 27 and on the other public appearances this year.

The members of the first platoon are to give a party for Noble Herbert Hight, April 13, at the home of Captain Vaughan in Melrose. It is an old Arab custom in the first platoon to give a party to any member entering the state of matrimony.

Only two changes are announced in the personnel of the units. Nobles Burnham and Hall, of the fifth have been assigned to the first platoon. Through error, Noble Leon Lamb's name was omitted in the published list of members of the fourth platoon; he is a "regular" of course, and it is hoped that he will answer at roll-call for a long time to come.

Nobles Henry Allen of the third and Sam Barron of the fifth platoon are on the sick list. Henry apparently has had a recurrence of his recent illness, and Sam while confined at his home had the additional misfortune to fall and break a rib, so that he has been most uncomfortable. Our best wishes to both members.

Lieut. Carl Thorne of the first platoon is on a cruise to the West Indies for his health, and Noble Woodworth of the same platoon is on a pleasure trip in Florida.

Lieut. Dixon and his third platoon are stepping out in public twice this month. On the 5th they put on an exhibition drill at Isaac Parker Lodge, Waltham. Leslie is the presiding Master of the Lodge. Incidentally, it was Wardens' Night—and for the benefit of Masters looking for ideas, the stations were all filled by the Wardens of the lodges in the district. The platoon also will put on an exhibition drill for the benefit of members of Cambridge Chapter, O. E. S., on the 27th, an anniversary celebration for the Chapter.

Mr. Edward G. Dowling, the accommodating and courteous armorer at Cambridge, brought joy to the wife of one of our Nobles recently, when he restored to her a wrist watch lost several days be-

fore, in the balcony. The lady had attended a Friday night drill and reported her loss on Monday. Although the armory was visited by many people on the two succeeding nights, he found it on the floor after a thorough search. It is probable that Armorer Dowling has performed such good deeds many times during his long service at the Cambridge armory.

MOUNTED PATROL

THE following additional unit of the Uniformed bodies of the Temple is now published to complete the roster of the Units which were printed in the March issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS. These Nobles drill weekly and show excellent skill in horsemanship.

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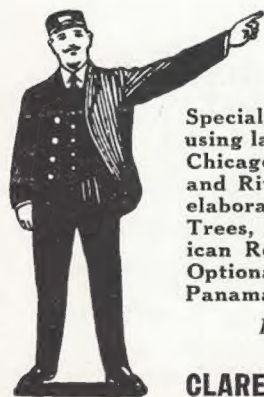
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